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a bell crank mounting member disposed on one of the transition bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion and extending in a lateral direction so that the bell crank mounting member is elongated in the lateral direction.

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12. (Four Times Amended) A bell crank mounting bracket for a bicycle hub transmission comprising:

a motor mounting bracket portion;  
a transition bracket portion extending downwardly from the motor mounting bracket portion;  
a rear frame mounting bracket portion extending from the transition bracket portion;  
wherein the transition bracket portion is inclined relative to one of the motor mounting bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion;  
a front frame mounting bracket portion extending from the motor mounting bracket portion;  
wherein the front frame mounting bracket portion extends downwardly from the motor mounting bracket portion; and  
a first mounting ear projecting in a lateral direction from one of the transition bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion for mounting a bell crank thereto, wherein the first mounting ear is elongated in the lateral direction.

Please cancel claim 21.

Please amend claims 22, 26, 44 and 47 as follows:

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22. (Amended) The bracket according to claim 12 further comprising a second mounting ear projecting from the one of the transition bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion for mounting the bell crank thereto.

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26. (Three Times Amended) A bell crank mounting bracket for a bicycle hub transmission comprising:

a motor mounting bracket portion;  
a transition bracket portion extending downwardly from the motor mounting bracket portion;  
a rear frame mounting bracket portion extending from the transition bracket portion;

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wherein the transition bracket portion is inclined relative to one of the motor mounting bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion;

a front frame mounting bracket portion extending from the motor mounting bracket portion;  
wherein the front frame mounting bracket portion extends downwardly from the motor mounting bracket portion;

a first mounting ear projecting in a lateral direction from one of the transition bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion for mounting a bell crank thereto;

wherein the motor mounting bracket portion has a surface facing upwardly, wherein the rear frame mounting bracket portion includes a surface having an opening therein for receiving an axle therethrough, and wherein the surface of the rear frame mounting bracket portion having the opening therein faces laterally.

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44. (Three Times Amended) A bell crank mounting bracket for a bicycle hub transmission comprising:

a motor mounting bracket portion;  
a front frame mounting bracket portion extending from the motor mounting bracket portion;  
a transition bracket portion extending from the motor mounting bracket portion;  
a rear frame mounting bracket portion extending from the transition bracket portion;  
wherein the transition bracket portion is inclined relative to one of the motor mounting bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion; and  
a first mounting ear projecting in a lateral direction from one of the transition bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion for mounting a bell crank thereto, wherein the first mounting ear is elongated in the lateral direction.

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47. (Three Times Amended) A bell crank mounting bracket for a bicycle hub transmission comprising:

a motor mounting bracket portion having a surface facing upwardly;  
a front frame mounting bracket portion extending from the motor mounting bracket portion;  
a transition bracket portion extending from the motor mounting bracket portion;  
a rear frame mounting bracket portion extending from the transition bracket portion;

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Conc* wherein the rear frame mounting bracket portion includes a surface having an opening therein for receiving an axle therethrough, and wherein the surface of the rear frame mounting bracket portion having the opening therein faces in a lateral direction;

wherein the transition bracket portion is inclined relative to one of the motor mounting bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion; and

~~a bell crank mounting member disposed on one of the transition bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion~~

Please add the following new claims:

*D7* 48. (New) A bell crank mounting bracket for a bicycle hub transmission associated with a rear wheel of a bicycle, wherein the mounting bracket comprises:

a motor mounting bracket portion;

a front frame mounting bracket portion extending from the motor mounting bracket portion;

a transition bracket portion extending downwardly from the motor mounting bracket portion;

a rear frame mounting bracket portion extending from the transition bracket portion, wherein the rear frame mounting bracket portion includes an axle opening therein for receiving a bicycle rear wheel axle therein;

wherein the transition bracket portion is inclined relative to one of the motor mounting bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion;

a bell crank mounting member disposed on one of the transition bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion; and

wherein the motor mounting bracket portion, the front frame mounting bracket portion, the transition bracket portion and the rear frame mounting bracket portion are dimensioned and positioned relative to each other such that, when the bracket is mounted to the bicycle, the rear wheel axle extends into the axle opening, the transition bracket portion extends forwardly along the side of the rear wheel, and the motor mounting bracket portion is disposed in front of the rear frame mounting bracket portion.